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Note from Ian: the name of our account is the same as St Clement but rest assured the account states **St Nicholas** on all our bank statements and correspondence. Thank you.

Please put something in the 'reference' box when using online banking, our treasurers will know what the payment is for and/or from whom, that is important. Thank you.

September 4th 2024

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,

Traditionally this time of year is associated with harvest. It doesn't quite work for Jersey as potatoes are long gone and milk is all year round. Our gardens are more in tune with crops including tomatoes, apples, cucumbers and beans. Snack sized peppers were a new one for me, I doubt anyone would have harvested those a few years ago.

From a church perspective we look to human gifts and the needs for these change. Now we have the technology installed families ask us to video stream funeral services. It needs people who are available during the day and we only currently have one volunteer. Speak to Tim on a Sunday and he can explain.

We need help to cover if they are busy or away as it is tricky for clergy to both keep an eye on the laptop and take a service. What is impossible is to nip to the back to press the CD buttons which people almost always request for funerals and we need someone to help the two people who already do this, it would just be a few times a year - so if you could help with that please let me know.

Sometimes we can release people from doing jobs and after years of a faithful few tramping the streets delivering the Christmas service invitation we have decided to use Jersey Post. The cost will be around £400 (the same as they charged 20 years ago) and it will arrive through doors a little earlier than usual but some people have been propping up the rota delivering huge quantities and this seems a good alternative.

If you would like to make a contribution to that cost do make a transfer marked Christmaspost or put an envelope in the collection.

Date for your Diary from the Parish Hall: There will be a twinning visit from Cancale on Thursday 19th September :

10.15 am Pétanque at Le Hocq then a lunch at the Ambassadeur and then the naming of Rue de Cancale and planting a tree in Len's Wood.

Contact Bernadette Cooper by 9th September via the Parish Hall

We hope you are keeping well.

David

Notices for this week – September 8th, 2024

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement

**Welcome to St Clement Church,
Service of Morning Worship**

September 8th, 2024

CA 21

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure,
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you. **and also with you.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

We sit or kneel to confess our sins.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord, **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy **and in our song we will praise our God.**
Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

CA 310

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one lay down
thy head upon my breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright'
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

We keep silence We say the Old Testament Canticle

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all. And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The First Reading is taken from James, Chapter 2, beginning to read at the first verse (James 2 1-10, 14-17)

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing the Gospel Canticle (To the tune, Jerusalem the Golden CA 340)

**O bless the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us
and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of rescue and release;
God shall fulfil the promise
to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David
a child of grace is given;
a Saviour comes among us
to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the messenger of Day.**

**Where once were fear and darkness
the sun begins to rise —
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace:
O bless our God and Saviour,
with songs that never cease!**

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 7 24-37)
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.” She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection: Martin The Letter of James is a short theological work consisting of three themes: perseverance in the face of trials and tribulation; the need for the rich not to oppress the poor; and the connection between faith and works. None of these themes seem particularly controversial, but James nearly didn’t make it into the Bible, probably because he was writing to Jewish Christians to encourage them to keep the Law of Moses, which wasn’t the direction that the Church ultimately took.

Nevertheless, we should be grateful that he did make it (you will find him between the Letter to the Hebrews and 1 & 2 Peter) because of what he said about faith and works. He reflects Jesus’ summary of the Law: loving the Lord with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength is the faith; and loving your neighbour as yourself is the good works. Both are indispensable. Not having one calls the other into question. Why not take time to read James this week?

His is a short letter (only five chapters), but one that is full of Christian wisdom.

We stand to sing the Creed: (To the tune Love Divine, all loves excelling CA 428)

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end. 8.7.8.7.D**

Prayers of Intercession *We sit or kneel* Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

May we hear your words for us. May our tongues proclaim your praise. May our lives speak of the good news that we have discovered in you.

May governments and authorities hear and respond to the calls of people for justice. May all modern day slaves find freedom and work for a fair wage.

May communities work together in harmony whatever their creed or colour. May love and respect for each other be at the heart of every community.

We bring to you those in suffering and distress. All enduring debilitating disease and pain. May they meet you in the care they receive. Give hope to all who put their trust in you.

You hear the laments of all who mourn the death of someone dear. Meet them in their need and guide them along the paths that lead to new life and the healing that you bring.

And at the end: Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect for the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity: God who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

CA 68

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best,
your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul; the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.**

**Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, loves pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

The Blessing: The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We say the Grace together:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord .
Thanks be to God.